

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 568 - SB 1790

March 5, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires all written and electronic prescriptions for narcotic drugs by podiatrists, physicians, dentists, optometrists, osteopathic physicians, nurse practitioners, or physician assistants be legibly printed or typed as a separate prescription order and contain all necessary information. Pharmacies may only dispense narcotic medication pursuant to a written or electronic order if it is a separate prescription order from a non-narcotic prescription.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- The Boards of Podiatric Medical Examiners, Dentistry, Medical Examiners, Optometry, Osteopathic Examiners, Nursing, and Pharmacy will make necessary rule changes during regularly scheduled meetings of each board and will not result in a significant increase in expenditures.
- Any increase in expenditures incurred by the health related boards due to disciplinary or investigative actions will not be significant.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-3-1011, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The following are the balances of the boards as of June 30, 2008:
 - Podiatric Medical Examiners had a positive balance of \$20,385.18
 - Dentistry had a positive balance of \$108,709.53
 - Medical Examiners had a positive balance of \$108,302.81
 - Optometry had a positive balance of \$36,248.29
 - Nursing had a positive balance of \$119,142.17
 - Pharmacy had a positive balance of \$261,783.99
 - Osteopathic Examiners had a negative cumulative balance of \$47,354.67. The Board had positive balances of \$777.53 in FY06-07 and \$18,323.96 in FY07-08

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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